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FROM AMB SCALI

1. TACK HANDED ME NEW REVISED DRAFT OF CANAL RES WE DISCUSSED LAST EVENING. I HAD ONCE MORE TOLD TACK FOLLOWING MY SC SPEECH THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO VETO PANAMA-PERU RES (PANAMA 1463) EVEN WITH REVISIONS OFFERED BY TACK IN LAST NIGHT' S DISCUSSION (PANAMA (1491).

2. NEW REVISION IS SHORTENED VERSION OF EARLIER RES. PREAMBULAR PARAS AND OP PARA 1 UNCHANGED. PARAS 2-5 INCL. HAVE BEEN REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT 2. TAKES NOTE ALSO OF THE WILLINGNESS SHOWN BY THE GOVTS OF THE USA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA TO ESTABLISH IN A FORMAL INSTRUMENT AGREEMENTS ON THE ABROGATION OF THE 1903 CONVENTION ON THE ISTHMIAN CANAL AND ITS AMENDMENTS AND TO CONCLUDE A NEW, FAIR, JUST AND EQUITABLE TREATY IN RESPECT TO THE PANAMA CANAL WHICH WOULD FULFILL PANAMA' S
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LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS AND GUARANTEE FULL RESPECT
FOR THE EFFECTIVE SOVEREIGNTY OF PANAMA OVER ALL ITS
TERRITORY;

3. URGES THE GOVTS OF THE US OF A AND THE REPUBLIC
OF PANAMA TO CONTINUE NEGOTS IN A HIGH SPIRIT OF
FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION, AND TO
EXECUTE WITHOUT DELAY A NEW TREATY FOR THE PURPOSE
OF ELIMINATING PROMPTLY THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. DECIDES TO KEEP THE QUESTION UNDER CONSIDERATION.
END TEXT.

3. TACK STRESSED HE FLEXIBLE AND EARNESTLY WANTED
FIND SOLUTION. HE COMMENTED HE HAS NOW CHANGED POSITION
THREE TIMES IN EFFORT TO MEET US VIEWS.

4. I CAUTIONED TACK AGAINST USING HIGH- VOLTAGE RHETORIC
IN RIGHT OF REPLY THIS AFTERNOON, ALREADY ANNOUNCED
BY BOYD BEFORE I SPOKE. TACK IN AN ASIDE SAID HE WLD HOPE TO
TAKE OVER CHAIR FROM BOYD TO MAKE REPLY.

5. DURING SC MTG MAR 20 VARIOUS FORMULAE STARTED
TO FLOAT AROUND CHANGING OP PARAS 2 AND 3 OF ABOVE
REVISION. FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES HAVE HAD BRITISH-
KENYAN, AUSTRALIAN AND INDIAN INPUT AND SEEM
WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION:

PARA 2 - ALTERNATIVE 1 -- TAKES NOTE ALSO OF THE
WILLINGNESS SHOWN BY THE GOVTS OF THE USA AND THE
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA TO CONCLUDE A NEW, FAIR, JUST AND
EQUITABLE TREATY IN RESPECT TO THE PANAMA CANAL WHICH
WOULD FULFILL PANAMA' S LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS.

ALTERNATIVE 2 - TAKES NOTE ALSO OF THE
WILLINGNESS SHOWN BY THE GOVTS OF THE USA AND THE
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA TO CONCLUDE IN A FORMAL INSTRUMENT
A NEW, FAIR, JUST AND EQUITABLE TREATY IN RESPECT TO
THE PANAMA CANAL WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE 1903 CONVENTION
ON THE ISTHMIAN CANAL AND WHICH WOULD FULFILL
PANAMA' S LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS.

ALTERNATIVE FOR PARA 3. URGES THE GOVTS OF THE USA
AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA TO CONTINUE NEGOTS IN A
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HIGH SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION
WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CONCLUDING PROMPTLY A NEW TREATY
IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

I BELIEVE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO MAKE SOME MOVE
IN TACK' S DIRECTION. FRENCH REP, WHO WORKED WITH TACK
ON HIS REVISION CONVINCED TACK TRYING FIND SOLUTION.
TACK, IN CONTRAST TO BOYD, SEEMS FORTHCOMING AT THIS STAGE.
HE GAVE LOW- KEY PRESS CONF THIS A. M. WHICH AVOIDED
GOING FATHRTER OUT ON LIMB AND TOOK OCCASION TO
USE SOME POINTS WE SUGGESTED IN LAST EVENING' S DISCUSSION.
USDEL STILL VERY AWARE OF OTHER PROBLEMS IN DRAFT
RES, ESPECIALLY THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA. HOWEVER,
REQUEST DEPT COMMENTS FLASH ON WHETHER ANY OF ABOVE
LANGUAGE (MODIFIED IF NECESSARY) ACCEPTABLE
ASSUMING REMAINDER
OF RES CAN BE APPROPRIATELY AMENDED.
WITH SUCH LANGUAGE WE MIGHT -- I EMPHASIZE WE MIGHT --
BE ABLE TO REACH HARMONIOUS CONCLUSION TO GET BASE
FOR CONTINUED NEGOTS.
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